British Aid to India

£ £3939-E. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL :

SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen a statement by the British Overseas Development Minister Chris Patten as published in the Hindustan Times dated July 13, that there had been a decline in aid last year because there not enough projects in the pipeline, if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) what has been the amount of British aid to India during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) . (a) and (b) Yes Sir, British assistance to India is available on government to government basis for financing the import of goods and services of UK origin for developmental projects, the local costs of import associated and poverty alleviation projects and the cost of training and consultancy. There is a paucity of industrial and infrastructural projects for coverage under tied grant and the Aid & Trade Provision window. Various reasons for this are indigenous capability in a specific sector, uncompetitiveness of the British bids etc. UK Government have provided £127 million during 1985-85, £117.3 million during 1986-87 and £91.7 million in 1987-83

£ £ Previously Unstarred Question 4456, transferred from the 1st September, 1988.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs under Illegal Migrants (Determination of Tribunals) Act, 1983

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs, under sub-section (3) of section 28 of the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 :—

(i) G.S.R. No. 648(E), dated the 25th May, 1988, publishing the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Amendment Rules, 1986.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 852(E), dated the 11th August, 1988, publishing a corrigendum to Government Notification G.S.R. No. 648(E). dated the 25th May, 1988.

[Placed in Library *See* No. LT-64461/88 for (i) and (ii)]

Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) . Sir, I beg to lay on the Table under section 10 of the National Highways Act, 1956, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport Notification G.M No. NH 11015/4/86-NHII/DI dated the 8th June, 1988, publishing the Supplementary Agreement in respect of Central Financial Liabilities for the development and maintenance of National Highway Urban Links in West Bengal. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6472/88].